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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 17 June 1966

SUBJECT : NIS Contract with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

PARTICIPANTS: HEW: Mr. Donald Simpson, Assistant Secretary for Administration
CIA: Colonel L. K. White, Executive Director-Comptroller

Reference: Memo of Conversation dtd 16 Jun 1966 by ExDir-Compt, same subj

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1. Mr. Simpson telephoned me today to say he had talked with his lawyers and Secretary Gardner about our NIS problem. He said that he would never have entered into such an agreement. However, I understood from his comments that his lawyers had advised him he has no legal basis for insisting that the Agency pay the termination costs to RIF the employees involved. He said that Secretary Gardner will send a letter to Admiral Raborn, the gist of which will be as follows: The Secretary has decided that it is not appropriate for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to continue the NIS work beyond 30 June 1966. However, in order to avoid abrupt termination of the work, they are agreeable to entering into an informal and temporary arrangement for not to exceed ninety days.

2. I told Mr. Simpson that we would be happy to make this arrangement and that he could anticipate a favorable response.

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L. K. White
Executive Director-Comptroller

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